

NO IDENTIFICATION; WILL HOLD SERVICES TONIGHT AT UNDERTAKING ROOMS

Unfortunate Woman Will Be Buried Tomorrow Nameless, If Identity Is Not Learned Beforehand.

INTERMENT AT CHARLEROI

Casket Has Been Donated and This Will Be Used. Several Ministers To Assist

Unidentified, nameless, friendless, the woman or girl who was found in the Monongahela river, midway between Charleroi and Speers, on Sunday morning, and who has caused a sensation such as has never been known before in this place will be buried tomorrow in the Charleroi cemetery, that is of course if some one does not appear in the meantime and claim the body. The body has been resting in the Undertaking rooms of Reeves and Reeves ever since the finding of the body, and thousands have viewed it, but the results are all the same. There have been a large number of clues traced which might aid in establishing the identity, but all have thus far proved fruitless, so there is small hope indeed of identification before interment is made. The services over the body will be held tonight at 7 o'clock, promptly, at the undertaking rooms, and several ministers of Charleroi will be present and assist. The woman will be given a decent burial, more than is provided for by the county, for persons found with no money. The undertaking firm, has donated an \$85 Moss Rose Plosh casket, out of sympathy with the dead woman whoever she may be.

The latest clue to her identity was furnished this morning when a man came from Naomi, bringing with him a picture of a girl, or woman. His name was Louis Carter. He thought that it might be a relative of his, and the resemblance of the photograph to that of the dead person was striking. He went home and said that he would bring a sister down this forenoon. As yet they have not appeared, but a man from that place was in and stated positively that it was not the girl thought. This was the last clue, and as part arrangements had been made for the services to be held tonight it was thought best to complete them.

Another clue was furnished yesterday afternoon when M. V. Dessing viewed the body. He thought that it was that of a Mrs. Weber, who was formerly an employe on the steamer Marguerite. As all the rest this panned out. The photographs from the Latrobe woman who thought that the woman might have been a friend of hers arrived yesterday afternoon, but there is no resemblance whatever between the two. The authorities here who have been working on the case have practically given up the attempt to have the body identified, as it seems entirely useless. There have been many that think they have seen the features of the woman before, but are not able to place her or name the person, whom they think she might be. She is hardly from near here however, or she would have surely been identified before this time. The authorities are still more at

sea than they have been at any time yet. The mystery is still as unfathomable as ever, and it is still the same impossibility to get any clue to follow up, by which the cause of her death can be learned. It is the common belief however that she was murdered, as nearly all evidence, points to this conclusion. There are but few things to refute this. Her hands while they have been stated by Pittsburgh papers as being too hardened are nothing of the sort. They are small and beautiful, and bear no evidence of hard manual labor. This fact with her other refined appearances, and the fact of her poor looking clothing may make the mystery deeper. One thing that seems to have been missed by the many persons that have viewed the body and clothing is that of the holes in the coat which were torn, apparently by some jagged rocks, or nails. For the evident amount of wearing these holes were not caused by the cloth being weakened.

The result of the investigations of the Belle Vernon detachment of the state police has not yet been made public, but in a conversation with one of the privates over the phone today, it was stated that there was nothing of especial interest, that the people did not already know.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR ARE INSTALLED

The Companions of the Forest, No. 881 of Charleroi last night installed the officers recently elected for the ensuing term. The installation rites were in charge of District Deputy Lydia B. Reddick of Pittsburgh. The officers installed are as follows: Past chief companion, Adeline Velleay; chief companion, Emma Laton; recorder, Mary Moore; financial secretary, Mary McGee; treasurer, Katharine Webster; right guide, Eugene Velleay; left guide, Cora Howard; inside guard, E. Len Anderson; outside guard, Mattie Myers; trustees, Mary Simcox, Laura Laton, Flora Lynn.

Following the ceremonies of installation a social session was held and a general good time was had. Refreshments were served. This lodge is but little over a year old and is a flourishing society.

ARCANUMS INSTALL ELECTED OFFICERS

W. H. Martin, District Deputy Grand Regent and Grand Guide, Bert Eckel installed the officers of Charleroi Council No. 1240 Royal Arcanum, on Monday evening in the P. H. C. hall. J. M. Brand, regent; Jos. Davenport, vice regent; Jos. Allsopp past regent; Otto Dorbitz, orator; A. O. Bechtel, chaplain; Bert Lape, guide; J. B. Schafer, collector; Jos. Schoener, secretary; A. Addison, warden; Victor Adams, secretary; Howard Mansfield, trustee. After the regular order of business was over there was a nice lunch prepared which was enjoyed by the visiting brothers and members until a very late hour. District Deputy W. H. Martin, and grand guide, Bert Eckel, and a number of the members will go to Belle Vernon on Tuesday, February 2nd, to install the officers of Belle Vernon council.

MACBETH- EVANS WILL PAY MORE

Will Make Corresponding Increase to That Decided Upon By Union Workers of Flint Glass

HAVE BEEN RUNNING FULL

A special dispatch from Steubenville, Ohio, to the Pittsburgh Dispatch of January 23 says:

Independent flint glass chimney manufacturers have promised the union workers a 12-1-2 per cent increase in wages, taking effect March 1. The unions stood a 25 per cent cut two years ago. Gill Bros. plants here and at Toronto are included.

In a conversation H. A. Schnulbaugh, superintendent of the Macbeth-Evans Glass Company's plant here, stated to a Mail representative that the Macbeth-Evans Co would pay a corresponding increase in hand-made ware or whatever increase the union would receive. The machine ware workers will receive in percentage whatever increase in wages the hand department receives. The wages of the paste mold workers has not been reduced. Notwithstanding the fact that they have made many goods that have been marketed at a 25 per cent reduction for the past three years.

The Macbeth-Evans Co. are at the present time running to their fullest capacity and this increase in wages will mean much to the men in their employ and will serve as a stimulant to the business of Charleroi.

During the recent financial depression in Charleroi last year, the Macbeth-Evans plant was the only one that was in full continuous operation, and went far toward keeping the conditions normal in Charleroi. There is an average of 1400 men employed at this plant, more than at any other manufacturing plant in Charleroi. It is one of the principal industries here, and in fact along the valley.

SERVICES AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The favorable weather conditions have made possible large congregations at the revival services at the First Christian church. Last evening five were received into the membership of the church and two were buried with Christ in baptism. Sunday will probably mark the close of the present series of meetings. So far sixty-six have been added to the church membership. Tonight the sermon theme will be, "The Backslider."

SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

A goodly number were present at the First Baptist church last evening for the services which are being held there. Rev. Cherney, of Monessen, was present and as on the previous night preached an interesting sermon, full of helpful thoughts. His topic was "The Blood of Jesus Christ Cleanses Us From All Sin." Rev. Cherney will preach again tonight and it is thought there will be even a better attendance. The services are growing more and more interesting as the days progress.

ASSISTS IN WORK OF INSTALLATION

The degree team of the Charleroi hive Lady Macabees, No. 185 went to Lucerne last night to assist in the installation of officers of that lodge, No. 275. The new ritualistic work was put on, and the regular floor work. The officers were installed by Mrs. Ellsworth, past great commander of Pennsylvania.

PLANS OF ARCHITECT ACCEPTED

Bids To Be Advertised Today For Erection of Beautiful New School Building at Monongahela.

WILL COST NEAR \$52,000

Last night at the meeting of the school Board at Monongahela, the plans and specifications of Architect T. Keller for the erection of a new school building, for which bonds were sold last spring, were accepted. The contract will be let as soon as possible, bids being advertised for today. The building when completed will cost in the neighborhood of \$52,000, this being the amount for which the bonds were secured.

The building is to be a 2 story brick structure, having 12 rooms. The contract for the excavating work has been let already.

Monongahela is much in need of a new school. Their present accommodations are crowded to the utmost, and there are three rooms being used in various parts of the city for school purposes. There are three schools, and about 1500 pupils. There has been considerable discussion over the money to be spent in the erection of the new building, it being thought by many that it is too much to spend. The prevailing opinion, though is in favor of a structure in accordance with the plans as prepared.

TARENTUM PLANT NEARLY FINISHED

The work on the rebuilding of the Tarentum Plate Glass works which was destroyed by fire last fall is speedily being rushed to a completion and it is thought that the plant will be in readiness for the manufacture of glass in a few days. William Dick, the contractor who has the brick work expects to finish his part of the work in a week providing of course that there is favorable weather.

The first glass since the fire some months ago was polished Monday, four tables having been laid. This together with the grinders and other departments is giving employment to quite a number of men.

New faces will be seen in the different departments to replace those who come to this place upon the opening of this plant, following the burning of the Tarentum works. It is thought that in a few weeks Tarentum will have assumed the old time appearance, and the works will be running in full force.

BRIDGE A BENEFIT TO THE TOWNS

The opening of the new river bridge to traffic between Donora and Wrenset has already considerably increased the trading population of the steel town. Many people from the country districts, who preferred to go elsewhere rather than cross the river, are now coming to Donora, as they consider it a better market. On the other hand it is said the bridge has a tendency to reduce the amount of travel on the Pennsylvania, as many Donora citizens walk to Webster to take the Lake Erie for Pittsburgh and other local points. The bridge is a great convenience, regardless of which way the traffic goes, and Donora will be a great gainer by reason of the structure.

The Last Week to Save 5 Per Cent. All who pay their taxes by Saturday, Jan. 30, 1909, can save 5 per cent on the amount.

B. L. Parsons, Collector. Appointed Commissioner.

In the application for divorce of Ida Dainty vs B. E. Dainty, of Charleroi, D. M. McCloskey has been appointed commissioner.

RUNAWAY BOY OF CHARLEROI FOUND IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

FOUR CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE

Independence, Jan. 27—As if the earth has opened up and swallowed him, Joseph Crawford, a prosperous farmer, who with his family, resided on the Allen farm, two miles south of this place, has disappeared. His money also is missing, and now his wife and several small children are left in almost destitute condition. Farmers for miles around, assisted by the police and constable of this place, are doing everything in their power to ascertain some information concerning the whereabouts of the missing man to console the almost heart-broken wife and children.

Not since her husband dropped out of sight a week ago today, has Mrs. Crawford closed her eyes in sleep, and her children cry constantly for their father.

SUITS INSTITUTED AGAINST GAS COS.

Frank Stringer, of West Pike Run township, has filed a suit for \$300 damages against the Philadelphia Gas company in the county courts. This amount is alleged due for damages to his farm, said to have been caused by the careless removal of certain machinery and other fixtures from a gas well on the plaintiff's farm.

Mrs. Minnie M. Brothers, of Washington, has filed a suit against the Franklin-Washington Gas company, claiming \$10,000 damages. This is sought by reason of the alleged unlawful detention of certain oil well tools and equipment by the defendant company, of which the plaintiff says she is owner. She avers that through her agent, W. F. Borchers, she has made frequent demands of defendant company for the tools, etc., but nevertheless, well knowing they were hers, they have, she alleges, attempted to defraud her of these tools, etc. She claims the detention has caused her serious loss in the business of contracting to drill oil and gas wells.

W. E. Walsh and Rufus S. Marriener represent the plaintiff.

BROTHERHOOD HOLDS MEETING

A meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood was held last night in the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, at which time there were officers installed. The meeting was well attended, a large representation of the members being present. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Clarence Houk of Smock, pastor of the Pleasant View Presbyterian church. Special music was rendered by the Royal orchestra.

The following are the officers that were installed:

President, William Gelder; vice president, Albert Carson; secretary and treasurer, H. A. Williams.

The subject of Rev. Houk's address was "Character Building." He gave an interesting talk. Following the business session there was a social session, at which time there was lunch served.

Young Fellow of Thirteen Years Is Seemingly Anxious to Get Back Home

LEFT ON LAST FRIDAY

Started Presumably for School But Instead Slipped Quietly Away

After being absent for nearly six days, and causing his parents untold anguish, Peter Scaxniski, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scaxniski, of 639 Ninth street, was located this morning in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was picked up by the police. He is being held by the officers of the Juvenile court. The boy left on Friday morning, for school. From that time to this he has not been seen by his parents, and nothing was heard of him until this morning.

Instead of going to school he slipped off, with it is stated \$20 of his parents money. He is but 13 years of age, and there is no reason given for his disappearance. In school while not known as brilliant, the lad was making good marks, and was rather a favorite with the teachers. He had never caused the school officials any trouble. When he did not appear at school on last Friday morning the truant officer was sent after him to learn if he was sick, or what had happened. The parents knew nothing of him. When he did not return at nightfall, great anxiety was felt but the police were not notified. Yesterday someone mentioned to the father that the police might assist him in finding the boy, and he accordingly told his story to Chief of Police Albright. The police in adjoining towns were notified. This morning it was learned from the No. 5 police station in Pittsburgh that they had picked up a youngster that almost fitted the description, and the father left for that place.

On the ten o'clock train Chief of Police Albright received a letter in his care to Mr. Scaxniski from T. Lewis, chief probation officer of the Juvenile court of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, with headquarters at Cleveland, that a boy had been picked up there by the police, who gave his name as Peter Scaxniski. The letter stated that the boy was about 4-1-2 feet in height, light brown hair, red cheeks, with a dark suit of clothes. It stated that the boy had \$13 in money, and that he had said that he had stolen \$20 from his parents, in this place.

Chief of Police Albright at once sent a message to hold the boy as it was the one they were looking for, and the father would appear and claim him. The word of his absence had not been spread broadcast, and it is supposed that the lad desiring to get home again after his brief fight with the world told his correct story.

Mystery Social.

The young ladies of the First Presbyterian church will hold a Mystery Social at the Thomson residence, 401 Meadow avenue, Wednesday evening, Jan. 27, '09. Admission 15c or two for 25c. All are cordially invited. 1412p

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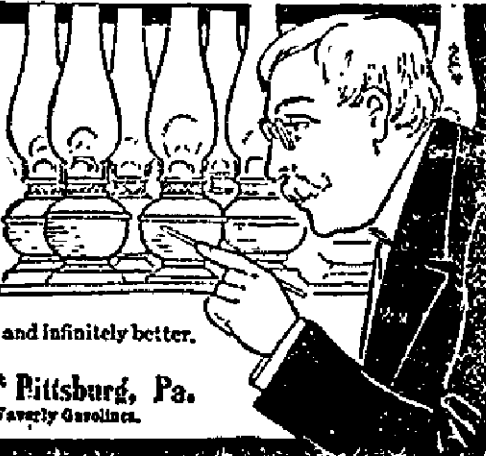
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Riding an Ostrich.
"I don't believe the stories told about the natives in Africa and Australia riding ostriches," said a Californian, who gives riding lessons in a New York riding academy, "and I saw this pretty well tried on one occasion in my state. A cowboy who had vanquished every pony he ever undertook to break in was induced to try an ostrich. After an hour's hard work he succeeded in mounting the bird, which at first tried to shake and roll him off, but these tactics of course had no effect upon the cowboy. Then in spite of all the man could do the ostrich succeeded in getting its head around and seizing the rider by the calf of one leg. Finally the man, after much frantic kicking, got his leg free. He then doubled his feet under him, and the ostrich reached over his wings and got a good, fast hold on the man's back, throwing him heavily to the ground and trampling on him. It took three of us to chase the infuriated ostrich away, and we accomplished it barely in time to save the man's life. That's why I don't believe the native Australians can ride ostriches."—New York Press.

Mars as Prophet.
Study of Mars proves that planet to occupy earthwise in some sort the post of prophet, for in addition to the side lights it throws upon our past it is by way of foretelling our future. It enables us to no mean extent to foresee what eventually will overtake the earth in process of time, inasmuch as from a scrutiny of Mars coming events cast not their shadows, but their light, before.
It is the planet's size that fits it thus for the role of seer. Its smaller bulk has caused it to age quicker than our earth, and in consequence it has long since passed through that stage of its planetary career which the earth at present is experiencing and has advanced to a further one, to which in time the earth itself must come if it is not overwhelmed beforehand by one catastrophe. In detail of course no two planets of different initial mass represent each other's evolutionary history, but in a general way they severally follow something of the same road.—Percival Lowell in Century.

He Grasped the Idea
"Tommy," said his teacher, "the words 'circumstantial evidence' occur in the lesson. Do you know what circumstantial evidence is?"
Tommy replied that he did not.
"Well, I will explain it to you by an illustration. You know we have a rule against eating apples in school. Suppose some morning I should see you in your seat with a book held up in front of your face. I say nothing, but presently I go around to where you are sitting. You are busily studying your lesson, but I find that your face is smeared, while under the edge of your slate I see the core of a freshly eaten apple.
"I should know just as well as if I had caught you at it that you have been eating an apple, although, of course, I did not see you do it. That is a case in which circumstantial evidence convicts you. Do you think you know what it is now?"
"Yes, ma'am," said Tommy. "It's eating apples in school."—Youth's Companion.

The Mormons.
The Book of Mormon appeared in 1830. Joseph Smith of Palmyra, N. Y., claimed that he had received it as a new Bible for all mankind. He began preaching Mormon doctrines, gathered followers, who migrated to Kirksville, O., and later to Missouri, whence they were driven out by their neighbors. They then went to Illinois, building the city of Nauvoo, and adopted polygamy, but they met with strong opposition there and finally settled at Salt Lake. They had hardly reached there before the foreign soil they had chosen was a part of the United States by a treaty with Mexico.

The Last Move.
Bobby is the son of a Methodist minister and has had the experience of "moving" four times in the space of his eight years' life. He disapproves strongly of the itinerant system which is the bone of the Methodist clergy. Some time ago an elderly minister was visiting Bobby's father and directed his attention to the small box asking him many questions of a semi-theological nature. Finally the course of the conversation turned to heaven, and Bobby was asked concerning the abode of the blessed. "Yes," said the youngster, with a sigh of deep weariness, "I know. It's the last place we're going to move to."—Argonaut.

Out of the Ordinary.
"Say," queried the high browed man as he entered the drug emporium, "have you Highend's balm for baldness?"
"No," replied the druggist, "but."
"Oh, yes," interrupted the prospective customer, "of course you have something just as good, but I want what I want. See?"
"You are mistaken, my friend," said the pill dispenser. "I haven't anything just as good, but I have something that is far better."—Chicago News.

Soothing the Author.
Actor-In the first act last night, when Rodriguez is to shoot me, his gun didn't go off. This sort of thing spoils my play. Manager—It doesn't make any difference whether he shoots you or not. The audience appreciate the situation. They know you are not worth the powder it would take to shoot you and find it very appropriate that the gun misses fire.—Liverpool Mercury.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Tidbits of News from the Seat of Learning in Charleroi—Edited by Superintendent of Schools,
W. D. Wright.

School Notes

Little Johnny What's-his-name Was in the Fifth A Grade, And 35's and 40's were The highest marks he made, Excepting in arithmetic Where he's made ninety-two. Because he liked the subject well. As most all Johnnies do. He took his books home every day As regular as could be. He played till dark, then went to bed, From every care set free. He said he had "no lessons home," And thought the trick was new. Until his father called at school And got a point or two. L'ENVOI.
That night he studied spelling history, geography, language, physiology, arithmetic. With wondrous vim and care, And home folks say he begged to have A pillow on his chair.

(Selected)
I wonder how some of our people would be affected if father should come to school and get a point or two.

One of the most condemnable conditions that exists in the public schools today is the "lock step" theory of promotions. That means where a whole class of forty or fifty children are put together, and receive exactly the same sort of permanent, mentally, morally, and physically. President Eliot says "It is probable that pupils in a given room are as unlike in their mental capabilities as in their looks. Forty children, forty characters. To discriminate between pupils of different capacities, to select the competent for suitable instruction, and to advance each pupil with appropriate rapidity, will ultimately become the most important function of the public school administration."

Supt. Kendall says: "Two sections in each grammar school, three

or more in the primary schools, abolishing examinations as a test for promotion, individual promotion of pupils, and increased interest in the individual pupil apart from the mass, all contributed to this result.

Some objections to the proposition made by the management of the Skating Rink have been filed. We wish to say here that nobody is under any obligation to go, except it be one or two of the teachers for the purpose of keeping in touch with the athletic spirit of the school. We have no place for physical exercise. The boys have always wanted a place where they could play basket ball, and this proposition was received by them with glee. Is it right? Each individual or family must decide that question as they think. We are under no obligation and no responsibility except what we voluntarily assume. We recommend that an investigation be made before too many harsh words have been spoken.

The second quarterly examination will be given during the week of February 15, 1909.

Father, Mother, are you planning to spend the afternoon of Feb. 12, with your child in school. Think what this may do for the child.

Miss Mina Houseman spent last Sunday with friends in Sewickley, Pa.

One of our twelve-year-old boys has learned an important lesson in the commercial world. He has held a comparatively good position, as errand boy for one of our well-to-do business men, for some time. The other day he was asked to go on an errand which would interfere with his school work. He refused to go then, and another boy has his position today. The first boy felt that the school was of more value to him than that particular position. He was right according to our State Superintendent. What do you think?

Dunbar, Jan. 27. Four children of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Kendall were cremated in a fire which destroyed the Kendall home on Bryson's hill here at 11 o'clock this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall awoke to find their bedroom aflame. Communication with another bedroom, occupied by the four children, was already cut off. In their night clothes man and wife escaped, forced to leave the little ones prey to the cruel flames.

The children were: Earl Kendall, 11 years old; Pearl, aged 7; Anna, aged 4, and a two year old baby. The bodies are still in the ruins and the frantic father and mother are piteously pleading with the firemen to recover the charred bodies.

The Kendall home was completely destroyed within fifteen minutes of the time the fire was discovered and the residence of Mrs. Samuel Moyer adjoining was also consumed.

Frank McClure is confined to his home on Washington avenue by an attack of tonsillitis.

Miss Dora Johnson of [Brownsville] spent yesterday in Charleroi with friends.

Mrs. John Albright and Mrs. James Schnellbaugh are spending the day in Pittsburg. They will see George Cohan at the Nixon theatre tonight.

Mrs. G. G. Kerr, and son left this morning for Canonsburg where they will visit the former's sister, Mrs. McVay.

Mrs. W. R. McKean has returned from Pittsburg where she spent a few days with friends.

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Casket Has Been Donated and This Will Be Used. Several Ministers To Assist

Unidentified, nameless, friendless, the woman or girl who was found in the Monongahela river, midway between Charleroi and Speers, on Sunday morning, and who has caused a sensation such as has never been known before in this place will be buried tomorrow in the Charleroi cemetery, that is of course if some one does not appear in the meantime and claim the body. The body has been resting in the Undertaking rooms of Reeves and Reeves ever since the finding of the body, and thousands have viewed it, but the results are all the same. There have been a large number of clues traced which might aid in establishing the identity, but all have thus far proved fruitless, so there is small hope indeed of identification before interment is made. The services over the body will be held tonight at 7 o'clock, promptly, at the undertaking rooms, and several ministers of Charleroi will be present and assist.

The woman will be given a decent burial, more than is provided for by the county, for persons found with no money. The undertaking firm, has donated an \$85 Moss Rose Plush casket, out of sympathy with the dead woman whoever she may be.

The latest clue to her identity was furnished this morning when a man came from Naomi, bringing with him a picture of a girl, or woman. His name was Louis Carter. He thought that it might be a relative of his, and the resemblance of the photograph to that of the dead person was striking. He went home and said that he would bring a sister down this forenoon. As yet they have not appeared, but a man from that place was in and stated positively that it was not the girl thought. This was the last clue, and as part arrangements had been made for the services to be held tonight it was thought best to complete them.

Another clue was furnished yesterday afternoon when M. V. Dearing viewed the body. He thought that it was that of a Mrs. Weber, who was formerly an employe on the steamer Marguerite. As all the rest this panned out. The photographs from the Latrobe woman who thought that the woman might have been a friend of hers arrived yesterday afternoon but there is no resemblance whatever between the two. The authorities here who have been working on the case have practically given up the attempt to have the body identified, as it seems entirely useless. There have been many that think they have seen the features of the woman before, but are not able to place her, or name the person, whom they think she might be. She is hardly from near here however, or she would have surely been identified before this time.

The authorities are still more at sea than they have been at any time yet. The mystery is still as unfathomable as ever, and it is still the same impossibility to get any clue to follow up, by which the cause of her death can be learned. It is the common belief however that she was murdered, as nearly all evidence, points to this conclusion. There are but few things to refute this. Her hands while they have been stated by Pittsburg papers as being toil hardened are nothing of the sort. They are small and beautiful, and bear no evidence of hard manual labor. This fact with her other refined appearances, and the fact of her poor looking clothing may make the mystery deeper. One thing that seems to have been missed by the many persons that have viewed the body and clothing is that of the holes in the coat which were torn, apparently by some jagged rocks, or nails. For the evident amount of wearing these holes were not caused by the cloth being weakened.

The result of the investigations of the Belle Vernon detachment of the state police has not yet been made public, but in a conversation with one of the privates over the phone today, it was stated that there was nothing of especial interest, that the people did not already know.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR ARE INSTALLED

The Companions of the Forest, No. 1 of Charleroi last night installed the officers recently elected for the ensuing term. The installation rites were in charge of District Deputy Lydia B. Reddick of Pittsburg.

The officers installed are as follows: Past chief companion, Adeline Vetterly; chief companion, Emma Laton; recorder, Mary Moore; financial secretary, Mary McGee; treasurer, Katharine Webster; right guide, Eugene Vetterly; left guide, Cora Howard; inside guard, Elen Anderson; outside guard, Mattie Myers; trustees, Mary Simcox, Laura Laton, Flora Lynn.

Following the ceremonies of installation a social session was held and a general good time was had. Refreshments were served. This lodge is but little over a year old and is a flourishing society.

ARGANUMS INSTALL ELECTED OFFICERS

W. H. Martin, District Deputy Grand Regent and Grand Guide, Bert Eckel installed the officers of Charleroi Council No. 1249 Royal Arcanum, on Monday evening in the P. H. C. hall. J. M. Brand, regent; Jos. Davenport, vice regent; Jos. Allsopp past regent; Otto Dorbitz, orator; A. O. Bechtel, chaplain; Bert Lapa, guide; J. B. Schafer, collector; Jos. Schooner, secretary; A. Addison, war den; Victor Adams, secretary; Howard Mansfield, trustees. After the regular order of business was over there was a nice lunch prepared which was enjoyed by the visiting brothers and members until a very late hour. District Deputy W. H. Martin, and grand guide, Bert Eckel, and a number of the members will go to Belle Vernon on Tuesday, February 2nd, to install the officers of Belle Vernon council.

MACBETH- EVANS WILL PAY MORE

Will Make Corresponding Increase to That Decided Upon By Union Workers of Flint Glass

HAVE BEEN RUNNING FULL

A special dispatch from Steubenville, Ohio, to the Pittsburg Dispatch of January 25 says:

Independent Flint glass chimney manufacturers have promised the union workers a 12 1-2 per cent increase in wages, taking effect March 1. The unions stood a 25 per cent cut two years ago. Gill Bros. plants here and at Toronto are included.

In a conversation H. A. Schneibach, superintendent of the Macbeth-Evans Glass Company's plant here, stated to a Mail representative that the Macbeth-Evans Co. would pay a corresponding increase in hand-made ware or whatever increase the union would receive. The machine ware workers will receive in percentage whatever increase in wages the hand department receives. The wages of the paste mold workers has not been reduced. Notwithstanding the fact that they have made many goods that have been marketed at a 25 per cent reduction for the past three years.

The Macbeth-Evans Co. are at the present time running to their fullest capacity and this increase in wages will mean much to the men in their employ and will serve as a stimulant to the business of Charleroi.

During the recent financial depression in Charleroi last year, the Macbeth-Evans plant was the only one that was in full continuous operation, and went far toward keeping the conditions normal in Charleroi. There is an average of 1400 men employed at this plant, more than at any other manufacturing plant in Charleroi. It is one of the principal industries here, and in fact along the valley.

SERVICES AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The favorable weather conditions have made possible large congregations at the revival services at the First Christian church. Last evening five were received into the membership of the church and two were buried with Christ in baptism. Sunday will probably mark the close of the present series of meetings. So far sixty-six have been added to the church membership. Tonight the sermon theme will be, "The Backslider."

SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

A goodly number were present at the First Baptist church last evening for the services which are being held there. Rev. Cherney of Monessen, was present and as on the previous night preached an interesting sermon, full of helpful thoughts. His topic was "The Blood of Jesus Christ Cleanses Us From all Sin." Rev. Cherney will preach again tonight and it is thought there will be even a better attendance. The services are growing more and more interesting as the days progress.

ASSISTS IN WORK OF INSTALLATION

The degree team of the Charleroi Elks Lodge No. 185 went to Lucville last night to assist in the installation of officers of that lodge. No. 275. The new ritualistic work was put on, and the regular floor work. The officers were installed by Mrs. Ellsworth, past great commander of Pennsylvania.

PLANS OF ARCHITECT ACCEPTED

Bids To Be Advertised Today For Erection of Beautiful New School Building at Monongahela.

WILL COST NEAR \$52,000

Last night at the meeting of the school Board at Monongahela, the plans and specifications of Architect T. Keller for the erection of a new school building, for which bonds were sold last spring, were accepted. The contract will be let as soon as possible, bids being advertised for today. The building when completed will cost in the neighborhood of \$52,000, this being the amount for which the bonds were secured.

The building is to be a 2 story brick structure, having 12 rooms. The contract for the excavating work has been let already.

Monongahela is much in need of a new school. Their present accommodations are crowded to the utmost, and there are three rooms being used in various parts of the city for school purposes. There are three schools, and about 1500 pupils. There has been considerable discussion over the money to be spent in the erection of the new building, it being thought by many that it is too much to spend. The prevailing opinion, though is in favor of a structure in accordance with the plans as prepared.

TARENTUM PLANT NEARLY FINISHED

The work on the rebuilding of the Tarentum Plate Glass works which was destroyed by fire last fall is speedily being rushed to a completion and it is thought that the plant will be in readiness for the manufacture of glass in a few days. William Dick, the contractor who has the brick work expects to finish his part of the work in a week providing of course that there is favorable weather.

The first glass since the fire some months ago was polished Monday, four tables having been laid. This together with the grinders and other departments is giving employment to quite a number of men.

New faces will be seen in the different departments to replace those who come to this place upon the opening of this plant, following the burning of the Tarentum works. It is thought that in a few weeks Tarentum will have assumed the old time appearance, and the works will be running in full force.

BRIDGE A BENEFIT TO THE TOWNS

The opening of the new river bridge to traffic between Donora and Webster has already considerably increased the trading population of the steel town. Many people from the country districts, who preferred to go elsewhere rather than cross the river, are now coming to Donora, as they consider it a "better market." On the other hand it is said the bridge has a tendency to reduce the amount of travel on the Pennsylvania, as many Donora citizens walk to Webster to take the Lake Erie for Pittsburg and other local points. The bridge is a great convenience, regardless of which way the traffic goes, and Donora will be a great gainer by reason of the structure.

The Last Week to Save 5 Per Cent. All who pay their taxes by Saturday, Jan. 23, 1909, can save 5 per cent on the amount.

B. L. Parsons, Collector.

Appointed Commissioner. In the application for divorce of Ida Dainty vs. B. E. Dainty, of Charleroi, D. M. McCloskey has been appointed commissioner.

RUNAWAY BOY OF CHARLEROI FOUND IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

FOUR CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE

Independence, Jan. 27—As if the earth has opened up and swallowed him, Joseph Crawford, a prosperous farmer, who with his family, resided on the Allen farm, two miles south of this place, has disappeared. His wife and several small children are left in almost destitute condition.

Farmers for miles around, assisted by the police and constable of this place, are doing everything in their power to ascertain some information concerning the whereabouts of the missing man to console the almost heart-broken wife and children.

Not since her husband dropped out of sight a week ago today, has Mrs. Crawford closed her eyes in sleep, and her children cry constantly for their father.

SUITS INSTITUTED AGAINST GAS COS.

Frank Stringer, of West Pike Run township, has filed a suit for \$500 damages against the Philadelphia Gas company in the county courts. This amount is alleged due for damages to his farm, said to have been caused by the careless removal of certain machinery and other fixtures from a gas well on the plaintiff's farm.

Mrs. Minnie M. Brothers, of Washington, has filed a suit against the Franklin-Washington Gas company, claiming \$10,000 damages. This is sought by reason of the alleged unlawful detention of certain oil well tools and equipment by the defendant company, of which the plaintiff says she is owner. She avers that through her agent, W. F. Brothers, she has made frequent demands of defendant company for the tools, etc., but nevertheless, well knowing they were hers, they have, she alleges, attempted to defraud her of these tools, etc. She claims the detention has caused her serious loss in the business of contracting to drill oil and gas wells.

W. E. Walsh and Rufus S. Marrier represent the plaintiff.

BROTHERHOOD HOLDS MEETING

A meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood was held last night in the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, at which time there were officers installed. The meeting was well attended, a large representation of the members being present. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Clarence Houk, of Smock, pastor of the Pleasant View Presbyterian church. Special music was rendered by the Royal orchestra.

The following are the officers that were installed: President, William Gelder; vice president, Albert Carson; secretary and treasurer, H. A. Williams.

The subject of Rev. Houk's address was "Character Building." He gave an interesting talk. Following the business session there was a social session, at which time there was lunch served.

Young Fellow of Thirteen Years Is Seemingly Anxious to Get Back Home

LEFT ON LAST FRIDAY

Started Presumably for School But Instead Slipped Quietly Away

After being absent for nearly six days, and causing his parents untold anguish, Peter Seaxniski, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seaxniski, of 639 Ninth street, was located this morning in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was picked up by the police. He is being held by the officers of the Juvenile court. The boy left on Friday morning, for school. From that time to this he has not been seen by his parents, and nothing was heard of him until this morning.

Instead of going to school he slipped off, with it is stated \$20 of his parents money. He is but 13 years of age, and there is no reason given for his disappearance. In school while not known as brilliant, the lad was making good marks, and was rather a favorite with the teachers. He had never caused the school officials any trouble. When he did not appear at school on last Friday morning the truant officer was sent after him to learn if he was sick, or what had happened. The parents knew nothing of him. When he did not return at nightfall, great anxiety was felt but the police were not notified. Yesterday someone mentioned to the father that the police might assist him in finding the boy, and he accordingly told his story to Chief of Police Albright. The police in adjoining towns were notified. This morning it was learned from the No. 5 police station in Pittsburg that they had picked up a youngster that almost fitted the description, and the father left for that place.

On the ten o'clock mail train Chief of Police Albright received a letter in his care to Mr. Seaxniski from T. Lewis, chief probation officer of the Juvenile court of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, with headquarters at Cleveland, that a boy had been picked up there by the police, who gave his name as Peter Seaxniski. The letter stated that the boy was about 4-1-2 feet in height, light brown hair, red cheeks, with a dark suit of clothes. It stated that the boy had \$13 in money, and that he had said that he had stolen \$20 from his parents, in this place.

Chief of Police Albright at once sent a message to hold the boy as it was the one they were looking for, and the father would appear and claim him. The word of his absence had not been spread broadcast, and it is supposed that the lad desiring to get home again after his brief fight with the world told his correct story.

Mystery Social.
The young ladies of the First Presbyterian church will hold a Mystery Social at the Thomson residence, 401 Meadow avenue, Wednesday evening, Jan. 27, '09. Admission 15c or two for 25c. All are cordially invited. 1412p

James Gelder is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

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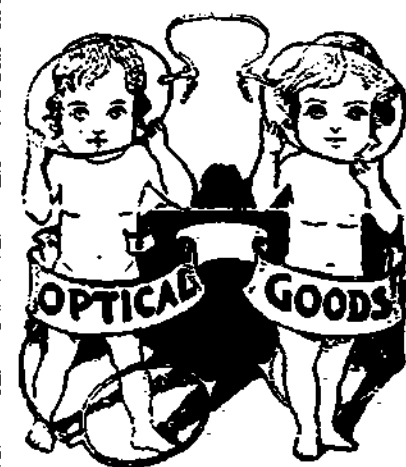
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Riding an Ostrich.
"I don't believe the stories told about the natives in Africa and Australia riding ostriches," said a Californian who gives riding lessons in a New York riding academy, "and I saw this pretty well tried on one occasion in my state. A cowboy who had vanquished every pony he ever undertook to break in was induced to try an ostrich. After an hour's hard work he succeeded in mounting the bird, which at first tried to shake and roll him off, but these tactics of course had no effect upon the cowboy. Then in spite of all the man could do the ostrich succeeded in getting its head around and seizing the rider by the calf of one leg. Finally the man, after much frantic kicking, got his leg free. He then doubled his feet under him, and the ostrich reached over his wings and got a good, fast hold on the man's back, throwing him heavily to the ground and trampling on him. It took three of us to chase the infuriated ostrich away, and we accomplished it barely in time to save the man's life. That's why I don't believe the native Australians can ride ostriches." New York Press.

Mars as Prophet.
Study of Mars proves that planet to occupy earthwise in some sort the post of prophet, for in addition to the side lights it throws upon our past it is a way of foretelling our future. It enables us to no mean extent to foresee what eventually will overtake the earth in process of time, inasmuch as from a scrutiny of Mars coming events cast not their shadows, but their light, before.

It is the planet's size that fits it thus for the role of seer. Its smaller bulk has caused it to age quicker than our earth, and in consequence it has long since passed through that stage of its planetary career which the earth at present is experiencing and has advanced to a further one, to which in time the earth itself must come if it is not overwhelmed beforehand by other catastrophe. In detail of course no planets of different initial mass repeat each other's evolutionary history, but in a general way they severally follow something of the same road.—Ferdinand Lowell in Century.

He Grasped the Idea.
"Tommy," said his teacher, "the words 'circumstantial evidence' occur in the lesson. Do you know what circumstantial evidence is?"
Tommy replied that he did not.
—Well, I will explain it to you by an illustration. You know we have a rule against eating apples in school. Suppose some morning I should see you in your seat with a book held up in front of your face. I say not that but presently I go around to where you are sitting. You are busily studying your lesson, but I find that your face is smeared, while under the edge of your slate I see the core of a freshly eaten apple.
"I should know just as well as if I had caught you at it that you have been eating an apple, although, of course, I did not see you do it. That is a case in which circumstantial evidence convicts you. Do you think you know what it is now?"
"Yes, ma'am," said Tommy. "It's eating apples in school!" — Youth's Companion.

The Mormons.
The Book of Mormon appeared in 1830. Joseph Smith of Palmyra, N. Y., claimed that he had received it as a new Bible for all mankind. He began preaching Mormon doctrines, gathered followers, who migrated to Kirtland, O., and later to Missouri, whence they were driven out by their neighbors. They then went to Illinois, building the city of Nauvoo, and adopted polygamy, but they met with strong opposition there and finally settled at Salt Lake. They had hardly reached there before the foreign soil they had chosen was a part of the United States by a treaty with Mexico.

The Last Move.
Bobby is the son of a Methodist minister and has had the experience of "moving" four times in the space of his eight years' life. He disapproved strongly of the itinerant system which is the bone of the Methodist clergy. Some time ago an elderly minister was visiting Bobby's father and directed his attention to the small boy, asking him many questions of a semi-theological nature. Finally the course of the conversation turned to heaven, and Bobby was asked concerning the abode of the best. "Yes," said the youngster, with a sigh of deep weariness. "I know. It's the last place we're going to move to."—Argonaut.

Out of the Ordinary.
"Say," queried the high browed man as he entered the drug emporium, "have you Bighead's balm for baldness?"
"No," replied the druggist, "but—"
"Oh, yes," interrupted the prospective customer, "of course you have something just as good, but I want what I want. See!"
"You are mistaken, my friend," said the pill dispenser. "I haven't anything just as good, but I have something that is far better."—Chicago News.

Soothing the Author.
Actor—in the first act last night, when Rodrigo is to shoot me, his gun didn't go off. This sort of thing spoils my play. Manager—it doesn't make or not. The audience appreciate the situation. They know you are not worth the powder it would take to shoot you and find it very appropriate that the gun misses fire.—Liverpool Mercury.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Tidbits of News from the Seat of Learning in Charleroi --Edited by Superintendent of Schools, W. D. Wright.

School Notes

Little Johnny What's-his-name Was in the Fifth A Grade. And 35's and 40's were The highest marks he made. Excepting in arithmetic Where he's made ninety-two. Because he liked the subject well. As most all Johnnies do. He took his books home every day As reg'lar as could be. He played till dark, then went to bed. From every care set free. He said he had "no lessons home," And thought the trick was new. Until his father called at school And got a point or two. L'ENVOI. That night he studied spelling history, geography, language, physiology, arithmetic. With wondrous vim and care, And home folks say he begged to have A pillow on his chair.

(Selected)
I wonder how some of our people would be affected if father should come to school and get a point or two.

One of the most condemnable conditions that exists in the public schools today is the "lock step" theory of promotions. That means where a whole class of forty or fifty children are put together, and receive exactly the same sort of permanent, mentally, morally, and physically. President Eliot says "It is probable that pupils in a given room are as unlike in their mental capabilities as in their looks. Forty children, forty characters. To discriminate between pupils of different capacities, to select the competent for suitable instruction, and to advance each pupil with appropriate rapidity, will ultimately become the most important function of the public school administration."

Supt. Kendall says: "Two sections in each grammar school, three

Dunbar, Jan. 27. Four children of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Kendall were cremated in a fire which destroyed the Kendall home on Bryson's hill here at 3 o'clock this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall awoke to find their bedroom aflame. Communication with another bedroom, occupied by the four children, was already cut off. In their night clothes man and wife escaped, forced to leave the little ones prey to the cruel flames. The children were: Earl Kendall, 11 years old; Pearl, aged 7; Anna, aged 4, and a two year old baby. The bodies are still in the ruins and the frantic father and mother are piteously pleading with the firemen to recover the charred bodies. The Kendall home was completely destroyed within fifteen minutes of the time the fire was discovered and the residence of Mrs. Samuel Moyer adjoining was also consumed.

Frank McClure is confined to his home on Washington avenue by an attack of tonsillitis.

Miss Dora Johnson of Brownsville spent yesterday in Charleroi with friends.

or more in the primary schools, abolishing examinations as a test for promotion, individual promotion of pupils, and increased interest in the individual pupil apart from the mass, all contributed to this result.

Some objections to the proposition made by the management of the Skating Rink have been filed. We wish to say here that nobody is under any obligation to go, except it be one or two of the teachers for the purpose of keeping in touch with the athletic spirit of the school. We have no place for physical exercise. The boys have always wanted a place where they could play basket ball, and this proposition was received by them with glee. Is it right? Each individual or family must decide that question as they think. We are under no obligation and no responsibility except what we voluntarily assume. We recommend that an investigation be made before too many harsh words have been spoken.

The second quarterly examination will be given during the week of February 15, 1900.

Father, Mother, are you planning to spend the afternoon of Feb. 12 with your child in school. Think what this may do for their child.

Miss Mina Houseman spent last Sunday with friends in Sewickley, Pa.

One of our twelve-year-old boys has learned an important lesson in the commercial world. He has held a comparatively good position, as errand boy for one of our well-to-do business men, for some time. The other day he was asked to go on an errand which would interfere with his school work. He refused to go then, and another boy has his position today. The first boy felt that the school was of more value to him than that particular position. He was right according to our State Superintendent. What do you think?

Mrs. John Allright and Mrs. James Schnellbaugh are spending the day in Pittsburg. They will see George Cohan at the Nixon theatre tonight.

Mrs. G. G. Kerr, and son left this morning for Canonsburg where they will visit the former's sister, Mrs. McVay.

Mrs. W. R. McKean has returned from Pittsburg where she spent a few days with friends.

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